THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA) : (a) While Indian Airlines and International Airports Authority of India have been continuously making profits, Air India is going to incur a net loss during 1987-88, Pawan Hans and Vayudoot are also likely to incur a loss during 1987-88. There is no decline in international passenger traffic of Air India and Indian Airlines.

(b) The reasons for loss are :

AIR INDIA : Decline in yields, impact of depreciation and interest and enhanced expenditure on *ad hoc* relief interim relief.

VAYUDOOT: Initial infrastructural and development cost; escalation in Deutsche Mark leading to increased outgo for purchase of Dornier aircraft.

PAWAN HANS : High incidence of depreciation and obsolescence reserve for capital equipment.

(c) The steps taken to improve the financial performance, *inter-alia*, are :

(i) Improving yields by generating higher class traffic.

(ii) Striving for higher share of market.

(iii) Increased utilisation of fleet.

(iv) Keeping a tight control on costs.

Compensation to the passengers for cancelled flight of the Vayudoot

2946. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of days the Vayudoot services were cancelled in the Eastern Sector;

(b) whether any compensation is given to the passengers for such cancellation; and

(c) what steps are taken to make the flights timebound and regular?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) From 1st December, 1987 till date there have been 8 cases of cancellations of flights by Vayudoot in the Eastern Region.

(b) No, Sir. As per the normal airline practice no compensation is provided when the cancellation of flights is beyond the control of the operator.

(c) In the eastern sector the on-time performance of Vayudoot is 85 per cent. With a view to further improving its despatch reliability, Vayudoot is positioning one aircraft at Guwahati.

Foreign visits made by officials of UGC

2947. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of visits made to foreign countries by the Chairman, Secretary and other officials of the University Grants Commission during the last three years alongwith the names of the countries visited;

(b) the names of conferences and seminars attended by these officials and other details of these visits; and

(c) the total amount of money spent on these visits during this period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) A statement is attached. (*See* below:

(c) The total expenditure during:—

1984-85 . . .	Rs. 1,70,787.00
1985-86 . . .	Rs. 76,995.00
1986-87 . . .	Rs. 1,30,279.00

Statement

Details regarding the number of visits to foreign countries by the Chairman Vice-Chairman and other officials of the University Grants Commission during the last three years along with the purpose of these visits

Sl. No.	Name and designation of the officer	Name of the country visited	Purpose of the visit
1	2	3	4
		1984-85	
1	Dr. (Mrs.) Madhuri R. Shah, Chairman	(a) London (UK)	To attend a meeting of the student Mobility Committee in London, U.K.
	Do.	(b) Holland USA-New York, South Corolina Boston, Chicago & Washington, London, U. K.	To inaugurate the World Education Fellowship Conference and present a paper meeting under the UGC INSAT-1B Satellite Programme. UGC Satellite INSAT-IB Programme for consultation with the British Council. BBC Film Producer etc. and finalisation of term for using their programmes for INSAT-IB.
		(c) Manila (Phillippines)/ Hongkong	To attend a conference of International Rice Research Institute, Manila and to meet the Vice-Chancellors of Hongkong and Chinese Universities in connection with the first Asian Conference of Vice-Chancellors.
2	Dr. Rais Ahmed Vice-Chairman	Japan	Delegation regarding cooperation in the areas of Electronics.
3	Prof. S. K. Khanna Secretary	Nicosia (Cyprus)	To attend as a member of the Indian delegation to the Ninth Commonwealth Education Minister's Conference.
4	Dr. M.L. Mehta Joint Secretary	Algeria	To visit Algeria under Indo-Algerian Cultural Exchange Programme 1982-85.
	Do.	Do.	To visit open University of England in combination with his deputation abroad to visit Algeria as a member of the delegation under Indo-Algerial Cultural exchange programme 1982-85.
5	Shri L.R. Mal Joint Secretary	(a) Syria	To finalise and sign the Cultural Exchange Programme with that country.
	Do.	(b) Republic of Egypt (Cairo)	To negotiate and finalise the Indo-ARE Cultural Exchange Programme for the year 1984-86.

1	2	3	4
6	Dr. C.P. Srivastava Education Officer	Sri Lanka	To participate and deliver a lecture in the Sub-Regional Workshop on Low Cost equipment for Chemistry Teaching at the University level a Talwakills.
7	Prof. V.N. Wanchoo . . . Project Officer	Australia	To participate in international Symposium on World Trends in Science and Technology Education and to attend the Workshop on Science Education Project of Australia.
	Total expenditure during 1984-85 Rs. 1,70,787.00.		
		1985-86	
1	Dr. (Mrs.) Madhuri R. Shah	Moscow	To visit USSR leading a UGC delegation under Indo-USSR Cultural Exchange Programme.
2	Prof. S.K. Khanna Secretary	Moscow	To attdnd the meeting of the Joint-Indo Text Book Board and Indo-Soviet Literature Project under the Cultural Exchange Programme.
3	-Do-	U.S.A.	To visit Mass Media/Education/ T.V. Centres in Some U.S. Universities/institutions under the Visitors Programme sponsored by United States of America.
4	Dr. S.C. Goel Addl. Secretary	Bangkok	To serve as a member of the Task Force of the Regional Symposium on Higher Education and to attend its planning meeting.
5	Shri L.R. Mal . . . . Joint Secretary	GDR, Hungary & Portugal	To attend as a member of the Indian delegation to renew the Cultural Exchange Programme.
6	-Do-	DPRK (North Korea)	To negotiate and sign the Cultural Exchange Programme for 1985-86.
7	Dr. (Mrs.) Naseem Bhatia, Education Officer.	U.K.	To participate in the Golden Jubilee Celebration (conference) of the 'Progressive Writters Association, U.K. 'held at London under UGC scheme of "Programme for providing assistance for travel for availing Fellowship/Associateship/ Collecting Source material in Foreign Countries.
8	Dr. Gurbaksh Singh Raina, Education Officer.	U.K.	Training under Queen Elizabeth House Visiting Fellowship for 1985-86 at Oxford University, U K. for 9 Months w.e.f. 14-1-86.
9	Shri A.L. Vohra, Under Secretary	USA	To participate in the Educational Administrators Project, 1986.
	Total expenditure during 1985-86—Rs. 76,995.00.		

1	2	3	4
		1986-87	
1	Prof. Yash Pal, Chairman	U.S.A.	To participate in a symposium on Technological Education and the 21st century.
2	-Do-	U.S.A.	To attend the Indo-USA Sub-Commission on Science and Technology and meeting of STI and also to take part in a symposium and a conference in Boston and discussion with U.N. Centre for Science & Technology in New York.
3	Prof. K. Satchidananda Murty	USSR	To participate Forum International Group of Scientists (Soviet Academy of Science).
4	Prof. S.K. Khanna, Secretary	Canada	To visit some Universities in Canada and also to participate in meetings held during the visit and also attended the Foruth World Conference on Transport Research held at Vencouver.
5	-Do-	Belgium	To attend as a member of the Indian delegation for negotiating and signing the Indio-Belgium Cultural Exchange Programme for the years 1987-89.
6	-Do-	Bangkok	To attend the 2nd International Conference on Open Higher Education : Innovation and Technology at Raskhanhsang University to present a paper.
7	Shri L.R. Mal Joint Secretary	Cuba	To attend as a member of the Indian delegation for negotiating and signing the Indo-Cuban Cultural Exchange Programme with Cuba.
8	-Do-	Greece & Bulgaria	To attend as a member of the Indian delegation for negotiating and signing the Cultural Exchange Programme.
9	Shri B.R. Kwatra, Joint Secretary	Australia	To attend as a member of the Indian delegation for attending officials levels talks for negotiating, finalising and signing a cultural exchange programme for the years 1986-88.
10	Dr. P.B. Tripathy, PSO	Dhaka	To attend the Regional symposium on long term planning of Higher Education for development of Higher Education.

Total expenditure during 1986-87—Rs. 1,30,279.00